

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor(s) : David WILSON et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated March 14, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks: